

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-7. (canceled)
- 8.(new) A cosmetic composition intended to be applied to the skin, comprising ubiquitin in combination with a cosmetically acceptable vehicle.
- 9.(new) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 8, in which the ubiquitin is present in a proportion of 0.001% to 0.1% by weight of the composition.
- 10.(new) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 8, in which the ubiquitin is of plant origin.
- 11.(new) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 10, in which the ubiquitin is in the form of a plant extract containing at least 1% of ubiquitin by weight relative to the solids.
- 12.(new) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 10, in which the ubiquitin comes from alfalfa.
- 13.(new) A cosmetic treatment method, comprising the application, to an area of the skin to be treated, of a cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 8.
- 14.(new) The method of claim 13, for combating skin aging and protecting the skin against external attacks.